

## **GAME NOTES**

Vernon Vipers at Wenatchee Wild

Wednesday, November 22, 2017



Tonight, the Wenatchee Wild (15-7-1-1, 3rd Place Interior Div.) meet the Vernon Vipers (17-5-0-4, 2nd Place, interior Div.) in the fourth of six scheduled meetings this season, and the final one in Wenatchee.

**HEAD TO HEAD:** Tonight is the tenth meeting all-time between these two clubs. The Wild are 6-2-1 all-time against the Vipers, and 2-1-1 at Town Toyota Center. The Vipers have won 2 of the 3 head-to-head this year. In their last meeting (Oct.27 at Vernon) the Vipers claimed a 4-1 win. The teams will meet twice more this season, one week from tonight (Wed. Nov. 29) and once again on Feb 23, both in Vernon.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Forward Jasper Weatherby (21g, 16a) leads the Wild in points (37) and is third in the BCHL, followed closely by Defenseman Cooper Zech (6g, 22a), who has the most points most among BCHL defensemen. Goalie Austin Park is 9-4-0 with a 2.67 Goals Against Average, and a Save Percentage of .887. Vernon is led by Brett Stapely (14g, 20a) and Jimmy Lambert (11g, 22a), with Michael Ufberg (5g, 21a) leading the defense. Goalies Ty Taylor and Anthony Yamnitsky are both BCHL returners with excellent numbers.

**SPECIAL TEAMS**: WEN PP – 33/139 23.7% 1st WEN PK – 14/92 84.8% 2nd

VER PP – 28/132 21.2% 6th VER PK – 26/136 80.9% 11th

LAST GAME: The Wild lost in Surrey on Sunday afternoon, 3-2 in the first overtime. The Vipers won 3-2 in Merritt on Fri.

**MOVING ON:** The Wild will host Chilliwack on Friday night, and Salmon Arm on Saturday night. The Vipers head to Trail on Friday night, then back to West Kelowna on Saturday.

**MEDIA:** Tonight's game and all Wild games are aired on Sunny FM (93.9 FM), and available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs tonight at 6:15 pm. **FACEOFF IS AT 6:30 PM.** 

**TONIGHT'S PROMOTION:** Tonight's game is sponsored by "Wenatchee World". \$1 Beer, Pop, and Hot Dogs available through the first intermission. Postgame Meet and Greet with autographs on the concourse featuring Lucas Sowder and Josh Arnold.

**NEXT HOME GAMES:** Friday, November 24 at 7:05 pm vs Chilliwack Chiefs on "Black Friday", sponsored by Numerica. Players will wear black jerseys and encourage fans to wear black as well, plus blowout merchandise specials. Saturday is "Cowbell Night" with the first 1,000 fans receiving a free cowbell courtesy of AG Supply as the Salmon Arm Silverbacks visit for the first time this season.

**TONIGHT'S GAME SPONSOR:** 

